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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES RIBBON CUTTING AT ROBERTSON COUNTY CARE, INC.

FRANKLIN, TEXAS, February 22, 2006—Rusty Krueger, USDA Rural Development Area Director, today participated in a ribbon cutting event celebrating the purchase of a portable building to use as additional storage for the Robertson County CARE, Inc. food pantry. The building was purchased with the assistance of a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant.

“This funding will provide Robertson County CARE, Inc. with the ability to expand their food pantry,” said Krueger. “USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$991,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development’s Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas’ more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Bryan Local Office at (979) 846-0548, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



Participating in the Robertson County CARE ribbon cutting event (left to right, front row): Sandra Micklitz, USDA Rural Development Manager, Ferman Richard, President of Robertson County CARE, Charles Ellison, Mayor of Franklin, Dana Huggins, Chamber of Commerce, and Rusty Krueger, USDA Rural Development Area Director.

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